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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Every child deserves a safe and stable place to  
3 call home; and

4 WHEREAS, Many children across the State experience abuse  
5 or neglect from their homes; and

6 WHEREAS, The protection of children from physical,  
7 emotional, and sexual abuse, exploitation, and neglect is at  
8 the core of the duties and fundamental responsibilities of the  
9 State; and

10 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Court  
11 Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASAs) are essential  
12 to providing formal, comprehensive, integrated, and  
13 multifaceted approaches to cases of child abuse and neglect;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, It is important that each CAC and CASA receive  
16 the funding they need to properly respond to cases of child  
17 abuse and neglect; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Task Force on

1 Children Advocacy Centers and Court Appointed Special  
2 Advocates for Children Funding is created to ensure that each  
3 CAC and CASA facility receives adequate funding to respond to  
4 the number and severity of child abuse and neglect cases in  
5 their respective jurisdictions; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be comprised of the  
7 following 16 members, who shall serve without compensation:

8 (1) One member of the Illinois Senate appointed by the  
9 Senate President;

10 (2) One member of the Illinois Senate appointed by the  
11 Senate Minority Leader;

12 (3) One member of the Illinois House of  
13 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

14 (4) One member of the Illinois House of  
15 Representatives appointed by the House Minority Leader;

16 (5) The Illinois Attorney General or his or her  
17 designee;

18 (6) The Executive Director of the Illinois Office of  
19 Management and Budget or his or her designee;

20 (7) The Director of the Department of Children and  
21 Family Services or his or her designee;

22 (8) The Executive Director of The Children's Advocacy  
23 Centers of Illinois or his or her designee;

24 (9) The Executive Director of the Illinois Association  
25 of Court Appointed Special Advocates or his or her

1           designee;

2           (10) The Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal  
3           Justice Information Authority or his or her designee;

4           (11) The Executive Director of an urban, accredited  
5           Children's Advocacy Center, appointed by the Senate  
6           President;

7           (12) The Executive Director of a suburban, accredited  
8           Children's Advocacy Center, appointed by the Senate  
9           President;

10          (13) The Executive Director of a rural, accredited  
11          Children's Advocacy Center, appointed by the Senate  
12          President;

13          (14) The Executive Director of an urban county Court  
14          Appointed Special Advocates Center, appointed by the  
15          Senate President;

16          (15) The Executive Director of a suburban county Court  
17          Appointed Special Advocates Center, appointed by the  
18          Senate President; and

19          (16) The Executive Director of a rural county Court  
20          Appointed Special Advocates Center, appointed by Illinois  
21          Senate President; and be it further

22          RESOLVED, That the Senate President shall designate a  
23          Chair and Vice-Chair from among the Task Force members; and be  
24          it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Department of Children and Family  
2 Services shall provide administrative support for the Task  
3 Force; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet over the course  
5 of 2022 at the discretion of the chair and shall submit a final  
6 report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022, which  
7 shall include a fair funding formula for CACs and CASAs  
8 throughout the State; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That upon the filing of its final report, the  
10 Task Force is dissolved; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 delivered to the Senate President, the Speaker of the House,  
13 the Senate Minority Leader, the House Minority Leader, the  
14 Executive Director of the Illinois Office of Management and  
15 Budget, the Director of the Department of Children and Family  
16 Services, and the Illinois Attorney General.